

Liquor Traffic—Saturday at 11 a. m.  
Private Corporations—Tuesday and Friday at 7:30 p. m.

Mines and Mining—Wednesday at 10 a. m.

Counties—Wednesday and Friday at 7:30 p. m.

Banks and Banking—Monday and Friday at 9 a. m.

#### ADJOURNMENT.

Mr. Woods moved that the House adjourn until 2 o'clock p. m. tomorrow.

The motion prevailed, and the House, accordingly, at 3:30 o'clock p. m., adjourned until 2 o'clock p. m. tomorrow.

#### APPENDIX.

##### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS.

Committee Room,  
Austin, Texas, January 17, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Constitutional Amendments, to whom was referred House Joint Resolution No. 1, have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommendation that it do pass, with committee amendments. Mr. Boner has been appointed to make a full report thereon.

TERRELL, Chairman.

Committee Room,  
Austin, Texas, January 11, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Constitutional Amendments, to whom was referred House Joint Resolution No. 5, have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommendation that it do pass.

TERRELL, Chairman.

##### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENGROSSED BILLS.

Committee Room,  
Austin, Texas, January 17, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Engrossed

Bills have carefully examined and compared

H. B. No. 47, A bill to be entitled "An Act making an emergency appropriation for the support and maintenance of the State Quarantine Station at Brownsville, Texas, and other points within the State for the remainder of the fiscal year ending August 31, 1917, and declaring an emergency,"

And find the same correctly engrossed.

DENTON, Chairman.

#### NINTH DAY.

(Thursday, January 18, 1917.)

The House met at 2 o'clock p. m., pursuant to adjournment.

(Speaker Fuller in the chair.)

The roll was called, and the following members were present:

Bagby.	Fly.
Baker.	Greenwood.
Beard of Harris.	Haidusek.
Beard of Milam.	Hardey.
Beasley.	Harris.
Bedell.	Hartman.
Bell.	Hawkins.
Bertram.	Hill.
Blackburn.	Holland.
Blackmon.	Hudspeth.
Blalock.	Johnson.
Bland.	Jones.
Bledsoe.	Laas.
Boner.	Lacey.
Brown.	Laney.
Bryan.	Lange.
Bryant.	Lanier.
Burton of Rusk.	Lee.
Burton of Tarrant.	Lindemann.
Butler.	Lowe.
Cadenhead.	of McMullen.
Canales.	Low.
Carlock.	of Washington.
Cates.	McComb.
Clark.	McCoy.
Cope.	McDowra.
Cox.	McFarland.
Crudgington.	McMillin.
Davis of Dallas.	Martin.
Davis of Grimes.	Meador.
Davis.	Mendell.
of Van Zandt.	Metcalfe.
De Bogory.	Miller of Austin.
Denton.	Miller of Dallas.
Dodd.	Monday.
Dudley.	Moore.
Dunnam.	Morris.
Estes.	Murrell.
Fairchild.	Neeley.
Fisher.	Neill.
Fitzpatrick.	Nichols.
Florer.	Nordhaus.

O'Banion.	Swope.
O'Brien.	Taylor.
Osborne.	Templeton.
Parks.	Terrell.
Peddy.	Thomas.
Peyton.	Thomason
Pillow.	of El Paso.
Poage.	Thompson
Pope.	of Hunt.
Raiden.	Thompson
Reeves.	of Red River.
Richards.	Tillotson.
Robertson.	Tilson.
Roemer.	Tinner.
Rogers.	Trayler.
Russell.	Tschoepe.
Sackett.	Upchurch.
Sentell.	Valentine.
Schlesinger.	Veatch.
Schlosshan.	Walker.
Scholl.	White.
Seawright.	Williams
Sholars.	of Brazoria.
Smith of Bastrop.	Williams
Smith of Hopkins.	of McLennan.
Smith of Scurry.	Williford.
Spencer of Nolan.	Wilson.
Spencer of Wise.	Woods.
Spradley.	Woodul.
Stewart.	

Absent—Excused.

Beason.	Wahrmund.
Sallas.	Yantis.
Strayhorn.	
Thomason	
of Nacogdoches.	

A quorum was announced present.

Prayer was offered by Rev. J. C. Mitchell, Chaplain.

#### LEAVES OF ABSENCE GRANTED.

The following members were granted leaves of absence on account of important business:

Mr. Bell, for today, on motion of Mr. Blackburn.

Mr. Beason, for today and tomorrow, on motion of Mr. Smith of Scurry.

Mr. Strayhorn, indefinitely, on motion of Mr. O'Brien.

Mr. Sallas, indefinitely, on motion of Mr. McCoy.

The following members were granted leaves of absence on account of sickness:

Mr. Yantis, indefinitely, on motion of Mr. Laney.

Mr. Thomason of Nacogdoches, indefinitely, on motion of Mr. Terrell.

O. P. Basford, Reading Clerk, was granted leave of absence for last Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, on motion of Mr. Metcalfe.

#### HOUSE BILLS ON FIRST READING.

The following House bills, introduced today, were laid before the House, read severally first time, and referred to the appropriate committees, as follows:

By Mr. Dunnam and Mr. O'Banion:

H. B. No. 295, A bill to be entitled "An Act repealing Article 7380, Revised Civil Statutes, 1911, relating to occupation tax on dealers in pistols."

Referred to Committee on Revenue and Taxation.

By Mr. Thomason of Nacogdoches and Mr. Bedell:

H. B. No. 296, A bill to be entitled "An Act providing for the election of county school trustees; defining the term of office thereof; stating the manner of having the names of candidates placed on the official ballot; fixing the date of said election, and providing who shall participate in said election; repealing all laws in conflict herewith, and declaring an emergency."

Referred to Committee on Education.

By Mr. Terrell and Mr. Cadenhead:

H. B. No. 297, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Section 11 of Article 4443, Chapter 6, Title 65 of Revised Civil Statutes of 1911, relating to the duties of the Commissioner of Agriculture and tax assessors, requiring them to take certain agricultural statistics upon blanks and forms to be furnished by the Commissioner of Agriculture; fixing the time and manner of taking such statistics; fixing their compensation; prescribing the time and manner of paying the same; fixing penalties for the failure of the assessors to comply with the provisions of this act; and prescribing penalties on all persons, firms or corporations failing or refusing to give the information desired when called on to do so by the tax assessor or the Commissioner of Agriculture or his authorized agents, by adding thereto Sections 11a, 11b and 11c."

Referred to Committee on Agriculture.

By Mr. Butler and Mr. Smith of Hopkins:

H. B. No. 298, A bill to be entitled "An Act conferring power upon the Railroad Commission of Texas to require non-grade crossings, when the public interest requires them, at crossings of the lines of steam railways, crossings at the lines of steam and interurban railways, at crossings of the lines of interurban railways, and at cross-

ings of the lines of steam or inter-urban railways with public highways, to apportion the costs thereof amongst the owners, etc., of such railways or between the owners, etc., of such interested railways and interested counties, cities or towns; providing procedure therefor, and procedure for the testing of the validity of such orders; granting the power of eminent domain to parties to such orders when it is necessary to acquire land to comply with such orders; permitting the owners, etc., of such interested railways to issue improvements bonds to secure funds with which to comply with such orders with approval of Railroad Commission, etc.; permitting incorporated cities and towns and counties to issue improvement bonds, to provide funds where necessary to comply with such orders, and within constitutional limits of indebtedness and taxation; providing that this act is cumulative of certain other laws; providing that the terms of this act are separable; providing penalties and other remedies for the enforcement of such orders, and declaring an emergency."

Referred to Committee on Common Carriers.

By Mr. Russell:

H. B. No. 299, A bill to be entitled "An Act creating the Sinton Independent School District, known as Common School District No. 1, in San Patricio county, Texas, and including within its limits the municipal corporation of the town of Sinton; defining its boundaries, and to provide for the creating of a board of trustees thereof and authorizing the board of trustees to levy, assess and collect special taxes, and conferring upon the board of trustees plenary powers, and providing authority to issue bonds for the purpose of purchasing school sites and erecting, furnishing and equipping school building, within the same, and to levy a tax therefor, and to pay current expenses for the maintenance and support of said schools; providing for a board of equalization and prescribing the duty and authority of said board, and further prescribing the duty and authority of the board of trustees; declaring valid an issue of bonds heretofore made; declaring valid a maintenance tax heretofore voted, and repealing all laws in conflict herewith in so far as they conflict with this act, and declaring an emergency."

Referred to Committee on Education.

By Mr. Roemer:

H. B. No. 300, A bill to be entitled "An Act to increase the authority and duties of the commissioners court of Calhoun county, Texas, and of the county commissioners of said county; to require said county commissioners to devote their entire time and attention to the affairs of said county and to fix the salary for the members of said commissioners court, and repealing all laws, general and special, in conflict with the provisions of this act, and declaring an emergency."

Referred to Judiciary Committee.

By Mr. Beard of Harris:

H. B. No. 301, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 5490 of the Revised Statutes of 1911, so as to give landlords preference lien upon the property of tenant, and providing for manner in which such lien shall be protected."

Referred to Judiciary Committee.

By Mr. Smith of Scurry, Mr. Bledsoe and Mr. Crudginton:

H. B. No. 302, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 886, Title 13, offenses against public property, Chapter 6, Penal Code of 1911, of the State of Texas, relative to the protection of certain game, so as to prohibit the killing thereof for the next twenty-five years; repealing all laws in conflict therewith, and declaring an emergency."

Referred to Committee on Game and Fisheries.

By Mr. Peyton and Mr. Davis of Grimes:

H. B. No. 303, A bill to be entitled "An Act to appropriate out of the general revenue not heretofore appropriated the sum of twenty-five thousand dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary, for the remainder of the fiscal year ending August 31, 1917, and the further sum of forty-five thousand dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary, for the fiscal year ending August 31, 1918, to defray the expenses of the department of the State Health Officer of the State of Texas in intensive rural health work and rural sanitation, leading to the prevention and eradication of malaria, hookworm, typhoid fever, and other contagious or infectious diseases in the State of Texas; authorizing the State Health Officer to supplement therefrom an amount equal to an

amount appropriated or set aside by any county or city or town therein for such purposes; also authorizing the State Health Officer to accept donations from any source to supplement such fund, or funds; and declaring an emergency."

Referred to Committee on Appropriations.

By Mr. Poage:

H. B. No. 304, A bill to be entitled "An Act expressing the assent of the State of Texas to the provisions of an act of the Sixty-fourth Congress of the United States, approved July 11, 1916, providing for Federal aid in the construction of post roads in the States of the Union; authorizing the Texas State Highway Commission herein created, to co-operate with the United States Secretary of Agriculture in the administration of said act of Congress; creating the State Highway Department under the control of the State Highway Commission and State Highway Engineer; providing for office room in the State Capitol for such department; providing for a Board of State Highway Commissioners, fixing their number, the manner of their appointment, their qualification and term of office and for the filling of vacancies in such board, fixing the compensation of such commissioners and prescribing their duties and powers; providing that the Attorney General shall act as attorney for the Commission and that such Commission shall employ a State Highway Engineer; prescribing his qualifications, defining his duty and fixing his compensation; authorizing the State Highway Commission to receive gifts, appropriations or bequests made to the State for road purposes, and to co-operate with the Federal government and government engineers in supervising the expenditure of money appropriated to the State by the Federal government for road purposes; defining the duties of county officials in co-operating with the State Highway Engineer in securing information concerning roads in the various counties; providing that such department shall invite the co-operation of counties in the construction of permanent types of public roads, by promulgating a scale of rewards to the counties constructing such roads; providing the method for counties to make application to the Commission for an allotment of State rewards, and providing a method and conditions for the making of such reward; providing for the submission by county officials to the State Highway Engineer of all contracts for

the construction, improvement or maintenance of roads or bridges when the amount involved exceeds five thousand dollars and for the approval by the State Highway Engineer of such contracts; providing that such engineer shall make use of the laboratories of the Agricultural and Mechanical College of Texas and of the University of Texas in analyzing road and bridge material; providing for the registration and numbering of motorcycles and motor vehicles by the State Highway Department, and fixing charges therefor; defining motorcycles and motor vehicles; providing for the transfer of registration certificates and the display of the number of such certificate on such machine, and that the registration and certificate herein provided for shall be in lieu of other registrations heretofore required, that the State Highway Engineer shall furnish the various county clerks a list of such registrations, providing a penalty for the operation of any motor vehicle or motorcycle without a number or marker displayed thereon; providing a penalty for obtaining plate or marker from any other source than the State Highway Department or its agents, and for selling or offering to sell any plate or marker in imitation of those furnished by said department; prescribing the procedure for the payment of expenses of the State Highway Department; providing for the working of prisoners in the construction and maintenance of roads upon the terms agreed upon by the Commission and the State Prison Commission, approved by the Governor; providing that funds appropriated by the Federal government shall be expended under the supervision of the State Highway Department; providing for the disposition of fees collected from the operation of this act; making an appropriation of ten thousand dollars from the general revenue to purchase office equipment and provide number plates as herein provided for and to meet the general expenses of the department, repealing all laws in conflict, and declaring an emergency."

Referred to Committee on State Affairs.

By Mr. Russell:

H. B. No. 305, A bill to be entitled "An Act to create a more efficient road system for Live Oak county, Texas, etc., and declaring an emergency."

Referred to Committee on Roads, Bridges and Ferries.



By Mr. Holland:

H. B. No. 306, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 558 of Title 7, Chapter 4, of the Revised Code of Criminal Procedure of Texas, 1911, for the purpose of appointment of counsel by the court of persons indicted, charged and tried in felony cases, and regulating the same."

Referred to Committee on Reforms in Criminal Procedure.

By Mr. Carlock (by request):

H. B. No. 307, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Articles 3662 and 3676, Title 53, of the Revised Statutes of Texas of 1911, pertaining to the taking and returning of depositions."

Referred to Committee on Reforms in Civil Procedure.

By Mr. Carlock (by request):

H. B. No. 308, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 1833, Revised Statutes of Texas of 1911, pertaining to plea of privilege."

Referred to Committee on Reforms in Civil Procedure.

By Mr. Carlock (by request):

H. B. No. 309, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 1818 of the Revised Statutes of Texas of 1911, concerning the filing and service of pleadings and motions and copies thereof."

Referred to Committee on Reforms in Civil Procedure.

By Mr. Carlock (by request):

H. B. No. 310, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Articles 7733, 7739, 7740, 7743, Title 128, of the Revised Statutes of Texas of 1911, and adding Article 7755a, regulating the pleadings and judgment in cases of trespass to try title."

Referred to Committee on Reforms in Civil Procedure.

By Mr. Carlock (by request):

H. B. No. 311, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 4062 of the Revised Statutes of the State of Texas of 1911, prescribing what facts an application for appointment of a guardian shall contain."

Referred to Committee on Reforms in Civil Procedure.

By Mr. Carlock (by request):

H. B. No. 312, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 1971, Title 37, of the Revised Statutes of Texas

of 1911, prescribing the requisites, and concerning the submission of charges to the jury."

Referred to Committee on Reforms in Civil Procedure.

By Mr. Carlock (by request):

H. B. No. 313, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Articles 6097 and 6100, Title 101, of the Revised Statutes of the State of Texas of 1911, prescribing the facts that shall be alleged in petition for partition of real estate and judgment thereon."

Referred to Committee on Reforms in Civil Procedure.

By Mr. Carlock (by request):

H. B. No. 314, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Articles 2140 and 2121, Title 37, of the Revised Statutes of Texas of 1911, pertaining to notice of motions in pending suits."

Referred to Committee on Reforms in Civil Procedure.

By Mr. Carlock (by request):

H. B. No. 315, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 1905 of the Revised Statutes of Texas of 1911, prescribing the time when answers shall be filed in cases where the defendant is cited by publication."

Referred to Committee on Reforms in Civil Procedure.

By Mr. Scholl:

H. B. No. 316, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 7584, Title 126, Chapter 12, of the Revised Civil Statutes of 1911 of Texas, prescribing how and out of what moneys tax assessors be paid, and providing that the assessor of taxes may be paid out of the first money collected from occupation or other taxes for the year."

Referred to Committee on Revenue and Taxation.

By Mr. Beasley, Mr. Morris, Mr. Bryan and Mr. Haidusek:

H. B. No. 317, A bill to be entitled "An Act to levy an occupation tax of one per cent of the gross receipts on all dealers in automobiles, motorcycles and other motor vehicles, providing for making reports and paying the tax to the Treasurer, and declaring an emergency."

Referred to Committee on Revenue and Taxation.

By Mr. O'Banion:

H. B. No. 318, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 867, Section

2, Chapter 3, of Title 9, of the Code of Criminal Procedure of the State of Texas, 1911, relating to judgments in cases of misdemeanor."

Referred to Committee on Reforms in Criminal Procedure.

By Mr. O'Banion:

H. B. No. 319, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 1974, Section 3, Chapter 59, page 113, of the General Laws of the State of Texas, passed by the Thirty-third Legislature at its Regular Session, relating to special instructions by the court."

Referred to Judiciary Committee.

By Mr. O'Banion:

H. B. No. 320, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 1971, Section 3 (House bill No. 149), page 113, General Laws of the State of Texas, passed by the Thirty-third Legislature at its Regular Session, relating to charges to jury and objections thereto."

Referred to Judiciary Committee.

By Mr. O'Banion:

H. B. No. 321, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 1173, Section 2, Chapter 4, Title 15, of the Revised Code of Criminal Procedure of the State of Texas, 1911, relating to costs to be paid by defendant."

Referred to Committee on Reforms in Criminal Procedure.

By Mr. O'Banion:

H. B. No. 322, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 1903, Chapter 8, Title 37, of the Revised Civil Statutes of the State of Texas, 1911, relating to pleadings of the defendant."

Referred to Committee on Reforms in Civil Procedure.

By Mr. Boner, Mr. Terrell, Mr. Spencer of Wise, Mr. McDowra and Mr. Hudspeth:

H. B. No. 323, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Articles 3826, 3827 and 3828 of Title 57 of the Revised Civil Statutes of the State of Texas (1911), and to add thereto Articles 3828a and 3828b, defining commission merchants and requiring all commission merchants dealing in agricultural, horticultural and farm products, and poultry, other than live stock dealers and corporations chartered under Chapter 5, Acts of the Second Called Session of the Thirty-third Legislature, to take out a license through the Commissioner of

Agriculture, paying a fee therefor; authorizing them to do business in this State; providing that they shall give bond to be approved by the Commissioner of Agriculture, and prescribing the terms and conditions of said bond; providing for making certain reports by all commission merchants, requiring them to keep certain books and records and to submit all books, records, and 'sales tickets' to the Commissioner of Agriculture, or his authorized agents, whenever demanded; authorizing the Commissioner of Agriculture to refuse to issue licenses to persons not of good moral character, and to cancel licenses for failure to make reports or submit books, records, and sales tickets for inspection, or for fraud or dishonest dealing, as provided by this act; authorizing the Commissioner of Agriculture to employ marketing agents to assist in enforcing the provisions of this law; fixing the venue, prescribing penalties for the violation of the provisions of this act, and declaring an emergency."

Referred to Committee on Agriculture.

By Mr. Hardey:

H. B. No. 324, A bill to be entitled "An Act to provide an adequate method of regulating the practice of civil engineering and surveying in the State; defining civil engineering and surveying; creating a board of engineering examiners and prescribing its powers, duties and compensation; providing for a special fund to be derived from fees; providing for certificates of registration and for examinations and licensing civil engineers and surveyors; defining the qualifications of civil engineers and surveyors; prescribing the mode and manner of holding examinations, and the form of licenses; authorizing issuance of licenses without examination under certain conditions; fixing fees; providing for a record of certificates of registration and licenses; providing for issuance of surveyors' licenses to civil engineers without examination under certain conditions; fixing the life of certificates of registration and licenses and providing for renewals thereof; authorizing the issuance of temporary licenses; providing for revocation of certificates of registration and licenses; providing for appeals; providing a penalty for the practice or attempted practice of civil engineering or surveying without a license or certificate of registration; requiring certain classes of reports, maps or other official documents to bear certificates of a reg-

istered or licensed civil engineer or surveyor; providing for exemptions under certain conditions; repealing all laws in conflict herewith, and declaring an emergency."

Referred to Committee on State Affairs.

By Mr. Haidusek:

H. B. No. 325, A bill to be entitled "An Act creating a State Highway Commission; providing for the appointment of its members; creating a State Highway department, and making an appropriation for the expenses thereof; providing for a tax on motorcycles and motor vehicles; and declaring an emergency."

Referred to Committee on State Affairs.

By Mr. Blalock:

H. B. No. 326, A bill to be entitled "An Act to provide for the establishment of five junior agricultural colleges, providing for their location and control; making an appropriation therefor, and declaring an emergency."

Referred to Committee on Education.

By Mr. Thompson of Red River:

H. B. No. 327, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 4624, Chapter 32, of an act of the Regular Session of the Thirty-third Legislature of Texas, by striking out the words 'of another,' in line 7 in said article, in order that a married woman may become security for her husband."

Referred to Judiciary Committee.

By Mr. Davis of Grimes:

H. B. No. 328, A bill to be entitled "An Act to make appropriation to cover the cost of a fireproof brick dormitory at Prairie View State Normal and Industrial College at Prairie View, Waller county, Texas, and declaring an emergency."

Referred to Committee on Appropriations.

By Mr. Harris:

H. B. No. 329, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Chapter 49, General Laws of the Twenty-seventh Legislature, page 96, entitled 'An Act to create a more efficient road system for Fayette, Uvalde and Frio counties,' as amended by the Twenty-eighth Legislature, Special Laws, Chapter 11, page 38, as amended by the Thirtieth Legislature, Special Laws, Chapter 88, page 725, as amended by the Thirty-first Legislature, Special Laws, Chapter 53, page 405, as

amended by the Thirty-fourth Legislature, Special Laws, Chapter 10, page 44, so as to strike the name Uvalde from the provisions of said act, and providing that same be repealed in so far as the same applies to and operates upon Uvalde county, and declaring an emergency."

Referred to Committee on Roads, Bridges and Ferries.

By Mr. Spencer of Wise, Mr. Blalock, Mr. Thompson of Red River and Mr. Rogers:

H. B. No. 330, A bill to be entitled "An Act abolishing the defense of assumed risk as a bar to recovery in any suit against a corporation, and further defining and regulating the defense of contributory negligence in suits against corporations, receiver or other person operating railroads, street railways, interurban railways, or against other common carriers, for damages for death or for personal injuries to employees thereof; repealing all laws in conflict herewith; declaring certain limitations on the application of this act, and declaring an emergency."

Referred to Committee on Common Carriers.

By Mr. Thompson of Red River:

H. B. No. 331, A bill to be entitled "An Act to cancel all State and county taxes shown by the delinquent tax records of the different offices of the tax collectors of the different counties of the State of Texas, and by the delinquent tax records in the office of the Comptroller of Public Accounts for the State of Texas, from the 1st day of January, 1885, to the 1st day of January, 1910, and declaring an emergency."

Referred to Committee on Revenue and Taxation.

#### HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTIONS ON FIRST READING.

The following House Joint Resolutions, introduced today, were laid before the House, read severally first time, and referred to the Committee on Constitutional Amendments:

By Mr. Terrell and Mr. Williams of Brazoria:

H. J. R. No. 22, To amend Section 49 of Article 3 of the Constitution of the State of Texas, authorizing the Legislature to issue bonds or make appropriations for the purpose of aiding tenant farmers to acquire homes.

By Mr. Tillotson, Mr. Hardey, Mr. Morris, Mr. Bryan, Mr. Williams of McLennan, Mr. Williams of Brazoria, Mr. Nichols, Mr. Crudgington, Mr. Canales, Mr. Dudley, Mr. Thomason of El Paso, Mr. Floret, Mr. Bledsoe and Mr. O'Brien:

H. J. R. No. 23, Proposing to amend Article 16 of the Constitution of the State of Texas by adding thereto at the end thereof another section to be known as Section 59, declaring the conservation and preservation of all the natural resources of the State of Texas are public rights and duties; providing for the creation of conservation districts, declaring such districts bodies politic and corporate, defining the authority of such districts, and conferring upon the Legislature authority to pass laws with reference thereto; declaring that the Legislature shall have authority generally to legislate for the purpose of conserving the natural resources of the State; fixing the time for the election for the adoption or rejection of said proposed constitutional amendment; making certain provisions for said election and the ballots thereof and the method thereof; directing the issuance of a proclamation therefor, prescribing certain duties of the Governor of the State, and making an appropriation to defray the expenses of said election.

#### MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.

Senate Chamber,  
Austin, Texas, January 18, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House that the Senate has passed the following bills:

S. B. No. 37, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Articles 6772, 6773, 6774 and 6775, of Chapter 1, Title 117, Revised Civil Statutes of Texas, relating to the transcribing of records from the parent county into the newly created counties which have been created either in whole or in part from the territory of any other county or counties in this State, or to which may have been added since its creation the territory of any other county or counties in this State so as to authorize the commissioners court of the new county to employ a competent person to transcribe the same, other than the county clerk of such new county, to repeal all laws in

conflict therewith, and declaring an emergency."

S. B. No. 140, A bill to be entitled "An Act to create a common county line school district, to be known as the Auburn District, to be under the jurisdiction, management and control of the county school board of Ellis county, Texas; to be composed of the territory described in this act, and defining the rights, powers and privileges of such district, and declaring an emergency."

S. B. No. 146, A bill to be entitled "An Act to incorporate Hearne Independent School District in Robertson county, Texas, for free school purposes only; defining its boundaries; divesting the city of Hearne of the control of its public free schools and of its school property, and vesting the same in said independent school district and its board of trustees; providing that all funds belonging or owing to said city schools shall inure to the benefit of said independent school district, and that all contracts made by the board of trustees of said city school shall be carried out by the board of trustees of said independent school district, but that said district shall never be liable for any indebtedness of said city; providing for a board of trustees for said district and describing the rights, powers and duties of said Hearne Independent School District, and providing for changes of lines in said district, and declaring an emergency."

The Senate has adopted Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 4, Requesting the Texas Senators and Representatives in Congress to support all measures tending to abridge the right of the Interstate Commerce Commission to encroach upon the rights of a State.

The Senate has adopted House Concurrent Resolution No. 3, Providing the form for printed bills in the House of Representatives.

Respectfully,

JOHN D. McCALL,  
Secretary of the Senate.

#### BILLS REREFERRED.

On motion of Mr. Beard of Harris, House bill No. 86 was withdrawn from the Judiciary Committee and rereferred to the Committee on Criminal Jurisprudence.

On motion of Mr. Murrell, House bill No. 258 was withdrawn from the Committee on Criminal Jurisprudence and rereferred to the Committee on Reforms in Criminal Procedure.



On motion of Mr. Denton, House bill No. 291 was withdrawn from the Committee on Criminal Jurisprudence and referred to the Committee on Labor.

On motion of Mr. Mendell, House bill No. 14 was withdrawn from the Committee on Reforms in Criminal Procedure and rereferred to the Committee on Criminal Jurisprudence.

On motion of Mr. Fisher, House bills Nos. 173 and 293 were withdrawn from the Committee on Criminal Jurisprudence and rereferred to the Committee on Common Carriers.

On motion of Mr. Fisher, House bill No. 176 was withdrawn from the Committee on Criminal Jurisprudence and rereferred to the Committee on Agriculture.

#### BILLS ORDERED NOT PRINTED.

On motion of Mr. Templeton, it was ordered that House bill No. 275 be not printed.

On motion of Mr. Canales, it was ordered that House bill No. 248 be not printed.

On motion of Mr. Schlesinger, it was ordered that House bill No. 247 be not printed.

#### SENATE BILLS ON FIRST READING.

The following Senate bills, received from the Senate today, were laid before the House, read severally first time, and referred to appropriate committees, as follows:

S. B. No. 37, to Committee on Counties.

S. B. No. 140, to Committee on Education.

S. B. No. 146, to Committee on Education.

(Mr. Woods in the chair.)

#### THANKING DEPARTMENT EMPLOYEES.

Mr. Woods offered the following resolution:

Be it resolved, That the House hereby tenders its thanks to Miss Alma Booth and Mr. George Stephens of the Department of Education, and Mr. Oliver Cook of the Treasurer's Department, and expresses its appreciation of their efficient services in assisting with their adding machines in the canvass and tabulation of the votes for Governor and Lieutenant Governor on Monday, the 15th instant.

The resolution was read second time and was adopted.

(Speaker in the chair.)

#### PROVIDING POSTAGE FOR CONTINGENT EXPENSE COMMITTEE.

Mr. Parks offered the following resolution:

Whereas, It is necessary for the Contingent Expense Committee to write a large number of letters to newspapers and others; therefore,

Resolved, That the committee be allowed stamps in amount not to exceed \$5.00, and that the same be paid out of contingent expense fund.

The resolution was read second time and was adopted.

#### PROVIDING FOR ADDITIONAL STENOGRAPHERS.

Mr. Miller of Dallas offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Speaker be empowered to employ five additional stenographers for a period of ten days, or such further time as in the judgment of the Speaker they may be needed, at five (\$5.00) dollars per day.

The resolution was read second time.

Mr. Stewart moved to table the resolution.

Yeas and nays were demanded, and the motion to table was lost by the following vote:

Yeas—42.

Baker.	Murrell.
Beard of Milam.	Nichols.
Bedell.	O'Banion.
Bertram.	Parks.
Blalock.	Peyton.
Boner.	Raiden.
Bryan.	Russell.
Burton of Rusk.	Sackett.
Cadenhead.	Sentell.
Clark.	Schlosshan.
Davis of Dallas.	Seawright.
Davis	Smith of Hopkins.
of Van Zandt.	Stewart.
Dodd.	Templeton.
Dunnam.	Terrell.
Hawkins.	Thompson
Hudspeth.	of Hunt.
Laas.	Tilson.
Lacey.	Tinner.
Lee.	Traylor.
Lindemann.	Veatch.
McDowra.	Wilson.

Nays—91.

Bagby.	Bryant.
Beard of Harris.	Burton of Tarrant.
Beasley.	Butler.
Blackburn.	Canales.
Blackmon.	Carlock.
Bledsoe.	Cates.
Brown.	Cope.

Cox.	Neill.
Crudgington.	Nordhaus.
Davis of Grimes.	O'Brien.
De Bogory.	Osborne.
Denton.	Peddy.
Dudley.	Pillow.
Estes.	Poage.
Fairchild.	Pope.
Fisher.	Reeves.
Fitzpatrick.	Richards.
Florer.	Robertson.
Fly.	Roemer.
Greenwood.	Rogers.
Haidusek.	Schlesinger.
Hardey.	Scholl.
Harris.	Sholars.
Hartman.	Smith of Bastrop.
Hill.	Smith of Scurry.
Holland.	Spencer of Nolan.
Johnson.	Spencer of Wise.
Jones.	Spradley.
Laney.	Swope.
Lange.	Taylor.
Lanier.	Thomas.
Lowe	Thomason
of McMullen.	of El Paso.
Low	Thompson
of Washington.	of Red River.
McComb.	Tillotson.
McCoy.	Tschoepe.
McFarland.	Upchurch.
McMillin.	Valentine.
Martin.	Walker.
Meador.	White.
Mendell.	Williams
Metcalfe.	of Brazoria.
Miller of Austin.	Williams
Miller of Dallas.	of McLennan.
Monday.	Williford.
Moore.	Woods.
Morris.	Woodul.
Neeley.	

Absent.

Bland.

Absent—Excused.

Beason.	Thomason
Bell.	of Nacogdoches.
Sallas.	Wahrmund.
Strayhorn.	Yantis.

Question recurring on the resolution,  
it was adopted.

#### TO PROVIDE MAPS FOR COMMITTEE ROOMS.

Mr. Tillotson offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That each committee room of the House be supplied with a map of the State, to be hung upon the walls of the rooms in such manner as to be easily consulted by the members, the expense to be paid from the contingent expense fund.

Signed—Tillotson, Bryan, McFarland.

The resolution was read second time and was lost.

#### TO KEEP CAPITOL POSTOFFICE OPEN.

Mr. Metcalfe offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Speaker of the House request the postmaster of Austin to have the Capitol postoffice kept open until noon on Sundays.

The resolution was read second time and was adopted.

#### PROVIDING CLOAK ROOM FOR STENOGRAPHERS.

Mr. Osborne offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Committee on Contingent Expenses be authorized to arrange a place for the care of the hats and coats of the stenographers, and that the cost of same be paid out of the contingent expense fund.

The resolution was read second time and was adopted.

#### RELATING TO STATE REGULATION OF RAILROAD RATES.

The Speaker laid before the House, for consideration at this time, the following resolution:

S. C. R. No. 4, Relating to State regulation of railroad rates:

Whereas, The decision of the United States Supreme Court, in what is known as the Shreveport rate case, gives the Interstate Commerce Commission the right to strike down a State-made rate, notwithstanding the fact that the State rate may be just and reasonable within itself; and

Whereas, If such is to remain the law, the right of a sovereign State to regulate its lines of railway transportation will be seriously crippled, if not destroyed; and

Whereas, The platform of the Republican party, recently adopted at Chicago, contains a plank which boldly declares for the abolition of the State Railroad Commissions; therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate of Texas, the House of Representatives concurring, That the Legislature of Texas, voicing the sentiment of the people of this State, is irrevocably in favor of the doctrine of the right of a State to regulate purely State commerce, and that we now here declare our steadfast opposition to any further encroachment by the Federal government upon the rights of this State

to regulate purely State commerce, and that our United States Senators and Representatives in Congress from Texas are earnestly requested to support and vote for any and every measure that has for its object the abridgment of the right of the Interstate Commerce Commission to further encroach upon the rights of a State, and for its further object the perpetuation of the right of a State to regulate purely State commerce and fix and establish freight rates charged by railroad companies operating entirely within this State.

Resolved, further, That a copy of this resolution be sent to each of our Senators and Representatives in Congress.

The resolution was read second time and was adopted.

#### HOUSE BILL NO. 47 ON ITS THIRD READING.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its third reading and final passage,

H. B. No. 47, A bill to be entitled "An Act making an emergency appropriation for the support and maintenance of the State quarantine station at Brownsville, Texas, and other points within the State for the remainder of the fiscal year ending August 31, 1917, and declaring an emergency."

The bill was read third time.

Question—Shall the bill be passed?

The Clerk was directed to call the roll, and the bill was passed by the following vote:

Yeas—124.

Bagby.	Davis of Dallas.
Baker.	Davis of Grimes.
Beard of Harris.	Davis
Beard of Milam.	of Van Zandt.
Beasley.	De Bogory.
Bedell.	Denton.
Blackmon.	Dodd.
Blalock.	Dudley.
Bledsoe.	Dunnam.
Boner.	Estes.
Brown.	Fairchild.
Bryan.	Fisher.
Bryant.	Fitzpatrick.
Burton of Rusk.	Florer.
Burton of Tarrant.	Fly.
Butler.	Greenwood.
Cadenhead.	Haidusek.
Canales.	Harris.
Carlock.	Hartman.
Cates.	Hawkins.
Clark.	Holland.
Cope.	Hudspeth.
Cox.	Johnson.
Crudgington.	Jones.

Laas.	Rogers.
Lacey.	Russell.
Laney.	Sackett.
Lange.	Schlesinger.
Lanier.	Schlosshan.
Lee.	Scholl.
Lindemann.	Seawright.
Lowe	Sholars.
of McMullen.	Smith of Bastrop.
Low	Smith of Hopkins.
of Washington.	Smith of Scurry.
McComb.	Spencer of Nolan.
McCoy.	Spencer of Wise.
McFarland.	Spradley.
McMillin.	Stewart.
Martin.	Swope.
Mendell.	Taylor.
Metcalfe.	Templeton.
Miller of Austin.	Terrell.
Miller of Dallas.	Thomas.
Monday.	Thomason
Moore.	of El Paso.
Morris.	Thompson
Murrell.	of Hunt.
Neeley.	Thompson
Neill.	of Red River.
Nichols.	Tillotson.
Nordhaus.	Tinner.
O'Banion.	Tschoepe.
O'Brien.	Upchurch.
Osborne.	Valentine.
Parks.	Veatch.
Peddy.	Walker.
Peyton.	White.
Pillow.	Williams
Poage.	of Brazoria.
Pope.	Williams
Raiden.	of McLennan.
Reeves.	Williford.
Richards.	Wilson.
Robertson.	Woods.
Roemer.	Woodul.

Nays—1.

Trayler. Present—Not Voting.

Bertram. Absent.

Blackburn.	McDowra.
Bland.	Meador.
Hardey.	Sentell.
Hill.	Tilson.

Absent—Excused.

Beason.	Thomason
Bell.	of Nacogdoches.
Sallas.	Wahrmund.
Strayhorn.	Yantis.

#### HOUSE BILL NO. 247 ON SECOND READING.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its second reading and passage to engrossment,

H. B. No. 247, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Chapter 84, House bill No. 653 of the Acts of the Regular Session of the Thirty-fourth Legislature of Texas by a special law for the preservation of bass and other fish of the bass species, and of perch, sunfish and crappie species, in the following locality: In any water which is located in the valley of the Medina river from where the lower or diversion dam above the town of Castroville crosses the Medina river, in Medina county, Texas, to a point on the Medina river, in Bandera county, Texas, which by following the meanders of the Medina river towards its source, shall constitute a distance of twenty-five miles, and in any of the waters which are impounded by the lower or diversion dam above the town of Castroville, in Medina county, Texas, and in any of the waters that are impounded by the upper or main dam in Medina county, Texas, which is located about four miles above said lower or diversion dam; and making it unlawful to catch and retain or have possession of any bass, or other fish of the bass species which are less than eleven inches in length, or to catch and retain, or have possession of, in any one day, a total aggregate of more than ten bass or other fish of the bass species, or to catch and retain, or have possession of, in any one day, a total aggregate of more than twenty perch, crappie or sunfish species, and making it unlawful to sell, offer for sale, or buy, any fish caught in any of said waters, and providing that the special act shall be cumulative of the general laws of the State and not repeal same, and providing for a penalty for violation of said special law, and declaring an emergency and fixing the venue of the prosecutions for violations of the law, and providing it shall not be unlawful to catch and retain more than twenty perch to be used as bait, providing none of such perch so caught for bait are larger than two inches long."

The bill was read second time and was passed to engrossment.

#### HOUSE BILL NO. 248 ON SECOND READING.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its second reading and passage to engrossment,

H. B. No. 248, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Section 1, Chapter 48, General Laws of Texas, creating Willacy county, approved March 11,

1911; and to amend Section 1, Chapter 10, General Laws of Texas, creating Kleberg county, approved February 27, 1913, the purpose of this act being to change and make the boundary line between said counties conform to the result of elections duly called and held in said counties, the returns of which have been duly estimated, tabulated, certified to, sealed, endorsed and transmitted to the Speaker of the House of Representatives, in the manner and form prescribed by law, whereby certain territory was detached from Willacy county and attached to Kleberg county, and whereby certain land, waters and territory were detached from Kleberg and attached to Willacy county; to repeal all laws in conflict herewith, and declaring an emergency."

The bill was read second time and was passed to engrossment.

#### HOUSE BILL NO. 248 ON THIRD READING.

Mr. Canales moved that the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days be suspended and that House bill No. 248 be placed on its third reading and final passage.

The motion prevailed by the following vote:

Yeas—119.

Bagby.	Dodd.
Baker.	Dudley.
Beard of Harris.	Dunnam.
Beard of Milam.	Estes.
Beasley.	Fairchild.
Bedell.	Fisher.
Bell.	Fitzpatrick.
Bertram.	Florer.
Blackburn.	Fly.
Blackmon.	Greenwood.
Blalock.	Haidusek.
Bledsoe.	Harris.
Boner.	Hawkins.
Brown.	Hill.
Bryan.	Holland.
Bryant.	Hudspeth.
Burton of Rusk.	Johnson.
Burton of Tarrant.	Jones.
Butler.	Laas.
Cadenhead.	Lacey.
Canales.	Lange.
Cates.	Lanier.
Clark.	Lee.
Cope.	Lindemann.
Cox.	Lowe.
Crudginton.	of McMullen.
Davis of Dallas.	Low.
Davis of Grimes.	of Washington.
Davis.	McComb.
of Van Zandt.	McCoy.
De Bogory.	McDowra.



McMillin.	Sholars.	Bell.	Monday.
Martin.	Smith of Bastrop.	Bertram.	Moore.
Meador.	Smith of Hopkins.	Blackburn.	Morris.
Metcalfe.	Smith of Scurry.	Blackmon.	Murrell.
Miller of Austin.	Spencer of Wise.	Blalock.	Neeley.
Miller of Dallas.	Stewart.	Bledsoe.	Neill.
Monday.	Swope.	Boner.	Nichols.
Moore.	Taylor.	Brown.	Nordhaus.
Murrell.	Templeton.	Bryan.	O'Banion.
Neeley.	Terrell.	Bryant.	O'Brien.
Neill.	Thomas.	Burton of Rusk.	Osborne.
Nordhaus.	Thomason	Burton of Tarrant.	Parks.
O'Banion.	of El Paso.	Butler.	Peddy.
O'Brien.	Thompson	Cadenhead.	Peyton.
Osborne.	of Hunt.	Canales.	Pillow.
Parks.	Thompson	Carlock.	Poage.
Peddy.	of Red River.	Cates.	Pope.
Peyton.	Tillotson.	Clark.	Raiden.
Pillow.	Tilson.	Cope.	Reeves.
Pope.	Tinner.	Cox.	Richards.
Raiden.	Tschoepe.	Crudgington.	Robertson.
Reeves.	Upchurch.	Davis of Dallas.	Roemer.
Richards.	Valentine.	Davis of Grimes.	Rogers.
Robertson.	Veatch.	Davis	Russell.
Rogers.	Walker.	of Van Zandt.	Sackett.
Russell.	White.	De Bogory.	Schlesinger.
Sackett.	Williams	Dodd.	Schlosshan.
Sentell.	of Brazoria.	Dudley.	Scholl.
Schlesinger.	Williford.	Estes.	Seawright.
Schlosshan.	Wilson.	Fairchild.	Sholars.
Scholl.	Woods.	Fisher.	Smith of Bastrop.
Seawright.	Woodul.	Fitzpatrick.	Smith of Hopkins.
		Florer.	Smith of Scurry.
		Fly.	Spencer of Nolan.
		Haidusek.	Spencer of Wise.
		Harris.	Stewart.
		Hartman.	Swope.
		Hawkins.	Taylor.
		Hill.	Templeton.
		Holland.	Terrell.
		Hudspeth.	Thomas.
		Johnson.	Thomason
		Jones.	of El Paso.
		Laas.	Thompson
		Lacey.	of Hunt.
		Lange.	Thompson
		Lanier.	of Red River.
		Lee.	Tillotson.
		Lindemann.	Tilson.
		Lowe	Tinner.
		of McMullen.	Traylor.
		Low	Tschoepe.
		of Washington.	Upchurch.
		McComb.	Valentine.
		McCoy.	Veatch.
		McDowra.	Walker.
		McMillin.	White.
		Martin.	Williams
		Meador.	of Brazoria.
		Mendell.	Williford.
		Metcalfe.	Wilson.
		Miller of Austin.	Woods.
		Miller of Dallas.	Woodul.

Nays—1.

Morris.	Absent.
Bland.	Nichols.
Carlock.	Poage.
Denton.	Roemer.
Hardey.	Spencer of Nolan.
Hartman.	Spradley.
Laney.	Traylor.
McFarland.	Williams
Mendell.	of McLennan.

Absent—Excused.

Beason.	Wahrmund.
Sallas.	Yantis.
Strayhorn.	
Thomason	
of Nacogdoches.	

(Mr. McMillin in the chair.)

The Speaker then laid House bill No. 248 before the House on its third reading and final passage.

The bill was read third time.

Question—Shall the bill be passed?

The Clerk was directed to call the roll, and the bill was passed by the following vote:

Yeas—125.

Bagby.	Beard of Milam.
Baker.	Beasley.
Beard of Harris.	Bedell.

Absent.

Bland.	Dunnam.
Denton.	Greenwood.

Hardey.  
Laney.  
McFarland.  
Sentell.

Spradley.  
Williams  
of McLennan.

Absent—Excused.

Beason.  
Sallas.  
Strayhorn.  
Thomason  
of Nacogdoches.

Wahrmund.  
Yantis.

#### HOUSE BILL NO. 275 ON SECOND READING.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its second reading and passage to engrossment,

H. B. No. 275, 'A bill to be entitled "An Act to reorganize the Thirty-second, Thirty-ninth, and Seventieth Judicial Districts so as to declare what counties compose the Thirty-second, Thirty-ninth, and Seventieth Judicial Districts; to fix the time for holding court in the various counties of said district; to make the processes issued to serve before this act takes effect, including recognizance and bonds returnable to the terms of court as herein fixed and continuing in office judges and district attorneys in each of said districts; to repeal all laws in conflict herewith, and declaring an emergency."

The bill was read second time and was passed to engrossment.

#### HOUSE BILL NO. 275 ON THIRD READING.

Mr. Templeton moved that the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days be suspended and that House bill No. 275 be placed on its third reading and final passage.

The motion prevailed by the following vote:

Yeas—124.

Bagby.  
Baker.  
Beard of Harris.  
Beard of Milam.  
Beasley.  
Bedell.  
Bell.  
Bertram.  
Blackburn.  
Blackmon.  
Blalock.  
Bland.  
Bledsoe.  
Boner.  
Brown.  
Bryan.  
Bryant.  
Burton of Rusk.

Butler.  
Cadenhead.  
Canales.  
Carlock.  
Clark.  
Cope.  
Cox.  
Crudgington.  
Davis of Dallas.  
Davis of Grimes.  
Davis  
of Van Zandt.  
De Bogory.  
Denton.  
Dodd.  
Dudley.  
Dunnam.  
Estes.

Fairchild.  
Fisher.  
Fitzpatrick.  
Florer.  
Fly.  
Greenwood.  
Haidusek.  
Harris.  
Hartman.  
Hawkins.  
Hill.  
Hudspeth.  
Johnson.  
Jones.  
Laas.  
Lacey.  
Lange.  
Lanier.  
Lee.  
Lindemann.  
Lowe  
of McMullen.  
McComb.  
McCoy.  
McDowra.  
McMillin.  
Martin.  
Meador.  
Mendell.  
Metcalfe.  
Miller of Austin.  
Miller of Dallas.  
Monday.  
Moore.  
Morris.  
Murrell.  
Neeley.  
Neill.  
Nichols.  
Nordhaus.  
O'Banion.  
O'Brien.  
Osborne.  
Parks.  
Peddy.  
Peyton.  
Pillow.

Pope.  
Raiden.  
Reeves.  
Richards.  
Robertson.  
Roemer.  
Rogers.  
Russell.  
Sackett.  
Sentell.  
Schlesinger.  
Schlosshan.  
Scholl.  
Seawright.  
Sholars.  
Smith of Bastrop.  
Smith of Hopkins.  
Smith of Scurry.  
Spencer of Nolan.  
Spencer of Wise.  
Spradley.  
Stewart.  
Swope.  
Taylor.  
Templeton.  
Terrell.  
Thomas.  
Thomason  
of El Paso.  
Thompson.  
of Hunt.  
Thompson  
of Red River.  
Tillotson.  
Tilson.  
Tschoepe.  
Upchurch.  
Valentine.  
Veatch.  
Walker.  
White.  
Williams  
of Brazoria.  
Williford.  
Wilson.  
Woods.  
Woodul.

Absent.

Burton of Tarrant.  
Cates.  
Hardey.  
Holland.  
Laney.  
Low  
of Washington.

McFarland.  
Poage.  
Tinner.  
Traylor.  
Williams  
of McLennan.

Absent—Excused.

Beason.  
Sallas.  
Strayhorn.  
Thomason  
of Nacogdoches.

Wahrmund.  
Yantis.

The Speaker then laid House bill No. 275 before the House on its third reading and final passage.

The bill was read third time.  
Question—Shall the bill be passed?  
The Clerk was directed to call the roll, and the bill was passed by the following vote:

Yeas—120.

Bagby.	McMillin.
Baker.	Martin.
Beard of Milam.	Meador.
Beasley.	Mendell.
Bedell.	Miller of Austin.
Bertram.	Miller of Dallas.
Blackburn.	Moore.
Blackmon.	Morris.
Blalock.	Murrell.
Bledsoe.	Neeley.
Boner.	Neill.
Brown.	Nordhaus.
Bryan.	O'Banion.
Bryant.	O'Brien.
Burton of Rusk.	Osborne.
Burton of Tarrant.	Parks.
Butler.	Peddy.
Cadenhead.	Peyton.
Canales.	Pillow.
Carlock.	Pope.
Cates.	Raiden.
Clark.	Reeves.
Cope.	Richards.
Cox.	Robertson.
Crudgington.	Roemer.
Davis of Dallas.	Rogers.
Davis of Grimes.	Russell.
Davis	Sackett.
of Van Zandt.	Sentell.
De Bogory.	Schlesinger.
Denton.	Schlosshan.
Dodd.	Scholl.
Dudley.	Seawright.
Dunnam.	Sholars.
Estes.	Smith of Bastrop.
Fairchild.	Smith of Hopkins.
Fisher.	Smith of Scurry.
Florer.	Spencer of Wise.
Fly.	Stewart.
Greenwood.	Swope.
Haidusek.	Taylor.
Harris.	Templeton.
Hartman.	Terrell.
Hawkins.	Thomas.
Hill.	Thomason
Hudspeth.	of El Paso.
Johnson.	Thompson
Jones.	of Hunt.
Laas.	Thompson
Lacey.	of Red River.
Lange.	Tillotson.
Lanier.	Tilson.
Lee.	Trayler.
Lindemann.	Tschoepe.
Lowe	Upchurch.
of McMullen.	Valentine.
McComb.	Veatch.
McCoy.	Walker.
McDowra.	White.
McFarland.	

Williams	Williford.
of Brazoria.	Wilson.
Williams	Woods.
of McLennan.	Woodul.

Absent.

Beard of Harris.	Metcalf.
Bell.	Monday.
Bland.	Nichols.
Fitzpatrick.	Poage.
Hardey.	Spencer of Nolan.
Holland.	Spradley.
Laney.	Tinner.
Low	
of Washington.	

Absent—Excused.

Beason.	Wahrmund.
Sallas.	Yantis.
Strayhorn.	
Thomason	
of Nacogdoches.	

(Speaker in the chair.)

#### APPOINTMENTS ANNOUNCED.

The Speaker announced the appointment of the following employes:

Stenographers: Burnice Brice, T. G. Eisenlohr and Adele Whittle.

Clerk to the Penitentiary Auditing Claims Committee: Richard Stanley.

#### ADJOURNMENT.

Mr. Dodd moved that the House adjourn until 10 o'clock a. m. tomorrow.

Mr. Tillotson moved that the House adjourn until 2 o'clock p. m. tomorrow.

The motion of Mr. Tillotson prevailed, and the House, accordingly, at 4:05 o'clock p. m., adjourned until 2 o'clock p. m. tomorrow.

#### APPENDIX.

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICTS.

Committee Room,

Austin, Texas, January 18, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Congressional Districts, to whom was referred House bill No. 234, have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommendation that it do pass, with committee amendment. Mr. Boner has been appointed to make a full report thereon.

PEDDY, Chairman.

## REPORTS OF COMMITTEE ON CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS.

Committee Room,  
Austin, Texas, January 18, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Constitutional Amendments, to whom was referred House Joint Resolution No. 3, have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommendation that it do not pass.

TERRELL, Chairman.

Committee Room,  
Austin, Texas, January 18, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Constitutional Amendments, to whom was referred House Joint Resolution No. 8, have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommendation that it do not pass.

TERRELL, Chairman.

Committee Room,  
Austin, Texas, January 18, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Constitutional Amendments, to whom was referred House Joint Resolution No. 7, have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommendation that it do not pass.

TERRELL, Chairman.

Committee Room,  
Austin, Texas, January 18, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Constitutional Amendments, to whom was referred H. J. R. No. 2, have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommendation that it do pass. Mr. Florer has been appointed to make a full report thereon.

TERRELL, Chairman.

Committee Room,  
Austin, Texas, January 18, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Constitutional Amendments, to whom was re-

ferred H. J. R. No. 20, have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommendation that it do pass. Mr. Blalock has been appointed to make a full report thereon.

TERRELL, Chairman.

Committee Room,  
Austin, Texas, January 18, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Constitutional Amendments, to whom was referred H. J. R. No. 13, have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommendation that it do pass. Mr. Peddy has been appointed to make a full report thereon.

TERRELL, Chairman.

Committee Room,  
Austin, Texas, January 18, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Constitutional Amendments, to whom was referred H. J. R. No. 16, have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommendation that it do pass. Mr. Boner has been appointed to make a full report thereon.

TERRELL, Chairman.

Committee Room,  
Austin, Texas, January 18, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Constitutional Amendments, to whom was referred H. J. R. No. 17, have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommendation that it do pass. Mr. Lee has been appointed to make a full report thereon.

TERRELL, Chairman.

## REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON COUNTIES.

Committee Room,  
Austin, Texas, January 18, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Counties, to whom was referred House bill No. 248, have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report it back to the House, with the recommendation that



it do pass. Mr. Canales has been appointed to make a full report thereon.  
HARDEY, Chairman.

#### REPORTS OF COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION.

Committee Room,  
Austin, Texas, January 18, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Education, to whom was referred House bill No. 269, have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report it back to the House, with the recommendation that it do pass.

JOHNSON, Vice-Chairman.

Committee Room,  
Austin, Texas, January 18, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Education, to whom was referred House bill No. 61, have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report it back to the House, with the recommendation that it do pass.

JOHNSON, Vice-Chairman.

Committee Room,  
Austin, Texas, January 18, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Education, to whom was referred House bill No. 230, have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommendation that it do pass.

JOHNSON, Vice-Chairman.

Committee Room,  
Austin, Texas, January 18, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Education, to whom was referred House bill No. 163, have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommendation that it do pass.

JOHNSON, Vice-Chairman.

Committee Room,  
Austin, Texas, January 18, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Education, to whom was referred House bill No. 292, have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report it

back to the House with the recommendation that it do pass.

JOHNSON, Vice-Chairman.

Committee Room,  
Austin, Texas, January 18, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Education, to whom was referred Senate bill No. 140, have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommendation that it do pass.

JOHNSON, Vice-Chairman.

Committee Room,  
Austin, Texas, January 18, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Education, to whom was referred Senate bill No. 146, have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommendation that it do pass.

JOHNSON, Vice-Chairman.

#### REPORTS OF COMMITTEE ON GAME AND FISHERIES.

Committee Room,  
Austin, Texas, January 17, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Game and Fisheries, to whom was referred House bill No. 174, have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommendation that it do pass. Mr. Schlesinger has been appointed to make a full report thereon.

BAKER, Chairman.

Committee Room,  
Austin, Texas, January 17, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Game and Fisheries, to whom was referred House bill No. 247, have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommendation that it do pass.

BAKER, Chairman.

#### REPORTS OF COMMITTEE ON JUDICIAL DISTRICTS.

Committee Room,  
Austin, Texas, January 18, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Judicial

Districts, to whom was referred House bill No. 275, have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommendation that it do pass.

TEMPLETON, Chairman.

Committee Room,

Austin, Texas, January 18, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Judicial Districts, to whom was referred House bill No. 276, have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommendation that it do pass. Mr. Smith of Scurry has been appointed to make a full report thereon.

TEMPLETON, Chairman.

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON JUVENILE REFORMS.

Committee Room,

Austin, Texas, January 18, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Juvenile Reforms, to whom was referred House bill No. 34, have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommendation that it do pass. Mr. Fisher has been appointed to make a full report thereon.

FLORER, Chairman.

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON LABOR.

Committee Room,

Austin, Texas, January 18, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Labor, to whom was referred House bill No. 121, have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommendation that it do pass. Mr. O'Banion has been appointed to make a full report thereon.

TAYLOR, Chairman.

#### REPORTS OF COMMITTEE ON REFORMS IN CIVIL PROCEDURE.

Committee Room,

Austin, Texas, January 17, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Reforms in Civil Procedure, to whom was referred House bill No. 200, have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed

to report it back to the House, with the recommendation that it do pass. Mr. Canales has been appointed to make a full report thereon.

CARLOCK, Chairman.

Committee Room,

Austin, Texas, January 17, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Reforms in Civil Procedure, to whom was referred House bill No. 289, have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report it back to the House, with the recommendation that it do pass. Mr. Thompson of Red River has been appointed to make a full report thereon.

CARLOCK, Chairman.

Committee Room,

Austin, Texas, January 17, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Reforms in Civil Procedure, to whom was referred House bill No. 90, have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report it back to the House, with the recommendation that it do pass. Mr. Miller of Dallas has been appointed to make a full report thereon.

CARLOCK, Chairman.

Committee Room,

Austin, Texas, January 17, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Reforms in Civil Procedure, to whom was referred House bill No. 120, have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report it back to the House, with the recommendation that it do not pass.

CARLOCK, Chairman.

Committee Room,

Austin, Texas, January 17, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Reforms in Civil Procedure, to whom was referred House bill No. 60, have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommendation that it do not pass.

CARLOCK, Chairman.

Committee Room,

Austin, Texas, January 17, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Reforms in

Civil Procedure, to whom was referred House bill No. 12, have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommendation that it do pass. Mr. Moore has been appointed to make a full report thereon.

CARLOCK, Chairman.

Committee Room,  
Austin, Texas, January 17, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Reforms in Civil Procedure, to whom was referred House bill No. 11, have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommendation that it do pass. Mr. Moore has been appointed to make a full report thereon.

CARLOCK, Chairman.

Committee Room,  
Austin, Texas, January 17, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Reforms in Civil Procedure, to whom was referred House bill No. 80, have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommendation that it do pass. Mr. Williford has been appointed to make a full report thereon.

CARLOCK, Chairman.

Committee Room,  
Austin, Texas, January 17, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Reforms in Civil Procedure, to whom was referred House bill No. 284, have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommendation that it do pass. Mr. Carlock has been appointed to make a full report thereon.

CARLOCK, Chairman.

Committee Room,  
Austin, Texas, January 17, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Reforms in

Civil Procedure, to whom was referred House bill No. 211, have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommendation that it do pass. Mr. Miller of Dallas has been appointed to make a full report thereon.

CARLOCK, Chairman.

Committee Room,  
Austin, Texas, January 17, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Reforms in Civil Procedure, to whom was referred House bill No. 138, have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommendation that it do pass. Mr. Carlock has been appointed to make a full report thereon.

CARLOCK, Chairman.

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PRIVATE CORPORATIONS.

Committee Room,  
Austin, Texas, January 18, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Private Corporations, to whom was referred House bill No. 236, have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommendation that it do pass. Mr. Bryant has been appointed to make a full report thereon.

LOW of Washington, Chairman.

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ROADS, BRIDGES AND FERRIES.

Committee Room,  
Austin, Texas, January 18, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Roads, Bridges and Ferries, to whom was referred House bill No. 294, have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommendation that it do pass.

LEE, Vice-chairman.

**In Memory**  
**of**  
**Hon. O. P. Bowser.**

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Mr. Davis of Dallas offered the following resolution:

Whereas, Colonel O. P. Bowser, a former member of the Senate and of the House of Representatives of the State of Texas, and for many years a prominent resident of the city of Dallas, has departed this life; and

Whereas, By his death the State has lost an honorable, upright and useful citizen, one who always labored faithfully for the uplift of mankind, and the welfare of his State; and

Whereas, His widow and son have lost a kind and loving husband and tender father; therefore, be it

Resolved, That we tender to his family our most sincere sympathy, and as evidence thereof that a copy of this resolution, properly attested, be forwarded to his family, and that a page of the House Journal be set apart and dedicated to his memory; and be it further

Resolved, That when the House adjourns for the day it do so in honor of this departed patriotic citizen and statesman.

DAVIS of Dallas,  
LANEY,  
MILLER of Dallas,  
FLORER,  
PARKS.

The resolution was read second time.

Mr. Parks moved that the resolution be adopted by a rising vote.

The motion prevailed, and the resolution was adopted unanimously.